

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/673,738	TAKAHASHI, FUMIO	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Steven D. Maki	1733	

All Participants:
Status of Application: ____

 (1) Steven D. Maki.

(3) ____

 (2) Christopher Lipp.

(4) ____

Date of Interview: 1 February 2005
Time: ____

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

112, 103

Claims discussed:

1, 3-9, 13-20 and 22

Prior art documents discussed:

art of record including German '427 (DE 3709427), Marriott (US 6386253), Miyazaki (US 6138728)

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.



(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: On 1-28-05, examiner discussed pages 4-6, 29 and 31 of the original disclosure and informed applicant's representative that it is clear from the original disclosure that the peripheral protuberant portion comprises the chamfer and, more specifically, defines the chamfer. With respect to the amendment filed 11-24-04, examiner acknowledged that German '427 teaches using a height of 0.3-0.5 mm for the venting ribs instead of greater than 0.5mm as now claimed. Examiner added that Marriott, also directed to venting, teaches that ribs at the edges may be 0.3-1.5 mm and thereby suggests using venting ribs having a height greater than 0.5 mm. Examiner proposed allowable subject matter. See examiner's amendment. With respect to the proposed allowable subject matter, Miyazaki, directed to improving resistance to wear instead of venting, shows a chamfer becoming steeper toward a groove wall. However, there is no motivation in the prior art of record to further modify German '427 such that the venting ribs define a chamfer having $R1 > R2$. Examiner commented that original pages 4-6 and 25 support the proposed changes. On 2-1-05, applicant's representative agreed to the changes in the examiner's amendment.